

wherein the domes formed in the assembly nest to take up a minimal amount of space, and the plurality of layers can be separated and disoriented to occupy a larger space for use as packing material.

7. (Amended) A method for forming a domed packing material comprising:

providing an assembly;

folding the assembly to form a plurality of layers;

forming domes in the folded assembly;

unfolding the assembly to disorient the domes; and

utilizing the unfolded domed assembly as packing material.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the dome assembly further includes perforation lines for removing portions of the assembly for use as a packing material.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the assembly is eight and one-half by eleven inches and can be packaged in a standard letter paper size box.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the assembly is eight and one-half by fourteen inches and can be packaged in a standard legal paper size box.

11. (Amended) A method of making and packaging a domed packing material comprising:

providing a plurality of film layers;

positioning the layers together to form a composite assembly;

forming a plurality of domes in the layers forming the composite assembly, the domes nesting; and

packaging the domed composite assembly in a nested condition, the layers being separable to occupy a larger space for use as a packing material.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the domed composite assembly is packaged in rolls.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the domed composite assembly is cut and packaged in a stack relationship.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the domed composite assembly is folded and stacked and packaged in boxes.

22. (Amended) The method of using a domed packing material comprising:

obtaining a piece of composite domed packing material having a plurality of layers with nested domes;

separating the layers;

disorienting the layers; and

utilizing the disoriented layers to place about an object to be packed.

27. (Amended) A press for forming domes in an assembly for manufacturing domed packing material including a plurality of layers comprising:

an upper press having a clamping plate with a receptacle therein and a die plate with a dome die;

a lower press having a clamping plate with a receptacle and a lower die plate with a dome die;

the upper and lower clamp plates positionable together to engage the assembly; and

the upper and lower die plates with dome dies movable to extend into the receptacle of the lower and upper clamp plates to deform the assembly to form domes therein.